(d) whether it is also a fact that delay occurs at Vijayawada Railway Station; and

(e) the steps proposed to improve traffic movement at Vijayawada Railway Station?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs not arise.

(cj and (d) Yes, Sir.

(c) The run of trains is being monitored on a real time basis to minimise avoidable detentions apart from conducting intensive food plate inspections.

Proposed running of North Bengal Express

1168. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the propsed North Bengal Express from Sealdah to Cooachbehar will be a train- at par with Shatabdi Express;

(b) if not, whether a Shatabdi-like Express to North Bengal would be irttroducted as assured during the discussion on Railways Budget (Supplementary) on 14th August, 1997; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) As per the commitment made-3147/3148 Uttar Banga Express between Sealdah and New Cooach Behar has already been introduced from 20.5.98. No commitment for the introduction of a Shatabdi type train was made.

Railway Stations under Private Control in Punjab

1169. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of Railway Stations in Punjab are under private control since independence;

(b) if so, their names, district-wise, as on 15th March, 1993;

(c) whether these private owned railway stations have itot been providing basic amenities to the passengers travelling from these stations;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have been requested to take over these railway stations under their control during 1993; and

(f) if so, the names of these stations and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There are 47 halt stations in the State of Punjab managed by halt contractors.

(a) A statement is attached. (See below)

(c) and (d) All basic amenities have been provided at these contractor opearted halt stations, which arc considered adequate for the present level of passenger traffic at these stations.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Docs not arise

Statement

Name of Halt Station	District
1. Bhattian	Jallandhar
2. Dhogri	Jallandhar
3. Ajitgill Matta	Firozpur
4. Dhindsa	Firozpur
S. Maheshri Sandhuan	Firozpur
6.Parao Mahna	Firozpur
7. Khai Phcrmeki	Firozpur
8. D.A.V. College (Jalalabad)	Firozpur

Name of Halt Station	District
9. Theh Qalandar	Firozpur
10. Jhabclwali	Mukcria
11. Charcwan	Mukcria
12. Badhai Balamgarh	Mukcria
13. Lyallpur Khalsa College (Jullunddur Halt)	Jallamlhar
14. D.A.V. College. Halt Jalandhar	Jallaml
15. Rail Coach Factory	Kapurlha
16. Gumtali	Jallandh
17. Gahandran	Jallandh
18. Sridhar	Jallandh
19. Kariha	Nava
20. Mandhali	Kapurthal
21. Batala Sugar Mills	Amritsar
22. Jhawar	Gurdaspu
23. Kultham Abdulla Shah	Jallandha
24. Ratar Chhattar	Gurdasp
25. Satnaur Badcsron	Nave
26. Rurc Asal	Amritsar
27. Kahangarh	Bhatinda
28. Datcwas	Bhatinda
29. Patiala Cant	Patiala
30. Kalhcmajra	Patiala
31. Kakrala	Patiala
32. Rajomajra	Sangrur
33. Rohira Ghallughara	Sangrur
34.Bharur	Sangrur
35. Lalhra Khana Halt	Bhatinda
36. Karamgarh Sardargarh	Faridkot
37. Daula Kot Bhai	Faridkot
38. Jassowal	Ludhiana
39. Jaspalon	Ludhiana
40. Gungrana	Faridkot
41. Naya Nagal	Ropar
42. Mohanpura	Ropar
43. Qabarwala	Firozpur
44. Noganwan	Ropar
45. Kotli Kalan	Bhatinda
46. Bhanupli	Ropar
47. Bakayanwala	Ropar

Construcn of Dahanu Nashik Railway Line

1170. PROF. RAM KAPSE will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Govcrni a communication in Nreccived 1997 or so, requesting for construction of Dahanu-Nashik railway line in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A survey has been taken up. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

Latdrrcgular running of Local Trains

1171. SHRI DIPANKAR: MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether one of the main reasons for latdrrcgular running of local trains in Howrah and Scaldah Divisions of Eastern Railway is the paucity of the rakes;

(b) if so, whether there is any immediate action plan to augment number of rakes in both the divisions; and

(c) if not, the attributable factors leading to irregular/late running of local trains based on the records of the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Docs not arise.

(c) Punctuality of Suburban trains of Eastern Railway is by and large satisfactory. However the running of trains get affected at times due to reasons such as accidents, agitationybandhs, alarm-chain-pulling, equipment-failures, miscreant-activities, bad-weather etc.

मालवाहक वैगनों का निर्माण

1172. **श्री राघवजी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में मालवाहक वैगनों का उत्पादन मांग के अनुरूप नहीं हो रहा है, यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;